

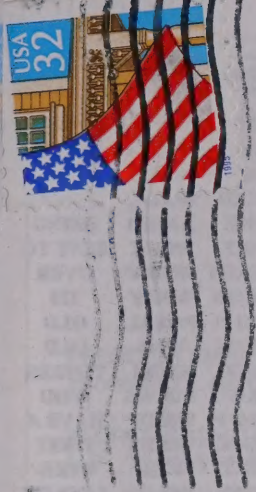
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**THE CLUB HONORS MEMBERS WITH 70 YEAR PINS**

Duncan Kreamer, W1GAY, past President of OOTC and present Director of 1st call area is honoring dues paying members with 70 year pins with his compliments. "Dunk" extends the offer to all the Life Members who are not paying dues. The Secretary needs confirmation of mailing address and willingness to accept the pin.

**OOTC MEMBERSHIP SUPPLIES AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

OOTC JACKET PATCH - \$5.00

(All prices include postage)

OOTC MEMBERSHIP STAMPS (108) - \$2.50

OOTC PIN (STANDARD NO YEAR, 50 YEAR, 60 YEAR) - \$3.50

OOTC MYLAR STICKER, 3" ROUND (DURABLE, FOR OUTSIDE USE) - \$1.00

OOTC PERSONALIZED STATIONERY & LABELS, WITH LOGO (30 EACH) - \$3.00

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T R McELROY  
WORLD'S CHAMPION

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## A MESSAGE FROM

## LELAND SMITH, OOTC PRESIDENT

The Ralph Cabanillas Memorial OOTC Membership Drive is underway! If you are not familiar with the drive, I urge you to read the details on page 21 of the April, 1995 SGT.

Several years ago I made a public statement entitled "QCWA is not for every Radio Amateur who qualifies for membership." The same could be said about membership in OOTC. Only those long time Radio Amateurs who appreciate the pleasures and opportunities for service through Amateur Radio and cherish our traditions and want to preserve them will be interested in becoming OOTC members. And believe me, I think this includes a majority of Radio Amateurs who qualify for membership.

These eligible Amateurs will never know about our great organization unless we tell them about it. As I have said before, the best way to get a new member is to ask him to join.

OOTC is on a firm financial basis. We are not organized for profit for any one associated with the organization. To maintain our records, edit and publish Spark Gap Times, and promote the goals of OOTC we must maintain a substantial dues pay membership.

On the opposite page (7), you will find our 1995 operating budget. If you have any questions about our finances do not hesitate to contact our Executive Secretary or Lee Knirko, our OOTC Treasurer.

I am always available to answer questions about OOTC and will be glad to hear from any of you. Your suggestions and recommendations are always welcome.



*Leland Smith*  
PRESIDENT WSKZ



# OLD OLD TIMERS CLUB

## Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Three months ended March 31, 1995, Year ended December 31, 1994 and Budget for 1995

			1995
Receipts:	3/31/95	1994	Budget
Dues:			
One year	\$1,327	4,069	5,500
Two years	660	1,951	2,000
Three years	180	750	250
Four years	-	-	200
Five years and over	50	250	110
	<u>2,217</u>	<u>7,020</u>	<u>8,060</u>
New member fees	155	570	650
Membership drive fund-W6NKE	100		
Gifts	47	118	100
Stamps, patches, pins	36	135	100
Interest	147	512	400
Advertising refund	-	85	
Subscriptions to SGT	-	15	20
	<u>2,702</u>	<u>8,455</u>	<u>9,330</u>
Disbursements:			
Office supplies	211	2,036	2,000
Clerical services	168	1,506	3,000
Pins purchased	-	321	370
Spark Gap Times printing	458	1,027	1,000
Spark Gap Times postage	295	951	1,100
Telephone and E-mail	20	263	495
Office postage	325	471	500
Bank charges-supplies	15	62	50
Membership	-	10	
	<u>1,492</u>	<u>6,647</u>	<u>8,515</u>
Income before nonrecurring expenses	<u>1,210</u>	<u>1,808</u>	<u>815</u>
Nonrecurring computer expenses:			
Purchase from Estate		1,400	
Packing, shipping to California		384	
Packing, shipping to Texas		380	
Consulting fees		350	
		<u>2,514</u>	
Excess of expenses over income	1,210	(706)	<u>815</u>
Cash balance beginning	16,910	19,966	
Transfer to student edu assist fund (S.E.A.P.)	-	(2,350)	
Cash balance end	<u>\$18,120</u>	<u>16,910</u>	
Student educational assistance fund: (S.E.A.P.)			
Contributions prior to 1994	\$2,232	2,232	
Donations to date	118	118	
Principal balance end	<u>2,350</u>	<u>2,350</u>	
Interest earned since 11/8/94	43	14	
Kemper money market balance - end	<u>\$2,393</u>	<u>2,364</u>	



HARRY A. "JOCK" MACLAREN, W5FGO, #2194

Appreciate receiving SGT - really good to read of some of the old boys. My first "wireless" watch was performed on board the British Elder & Fyffe "banana-boat" ss "PATIA", call signal GDCY, in 1924.

I was born in Hull, Yorkshire, England in 1908...that would make me a tender age of 16 when I signed-on the "PATIA"! The senior W/O on the "PATIA" gave me no mercy - an liverish old "Scrooge" if ever there was one! The rig on board was, of course, spark xmtr and crystal recvr; it was the Marconi 1 1/2 KW Rotary Disc Assynchronous Spark Set, plus the Marconi 10" Induction Coil Emergency Set, and the Marconi 31-A Carborundum & Steel Marine Receiver - our antenna was 492' of large gauge copper-&-steel stranded wire stretched between the ship's masts. That was not all, Got wot! - we also had a Bellini-Tosi Radio Direction Finder, which I was told not to touch, on pain of death, by my Scrooge! It was from this ship that I made my very first on-the-air transmission - I sent our "TR" to GKZ (Grimsby Radio coast station) with Scrooge looking over my shoulder and myself drenched in nervous sweat!! What a moment, Ha??

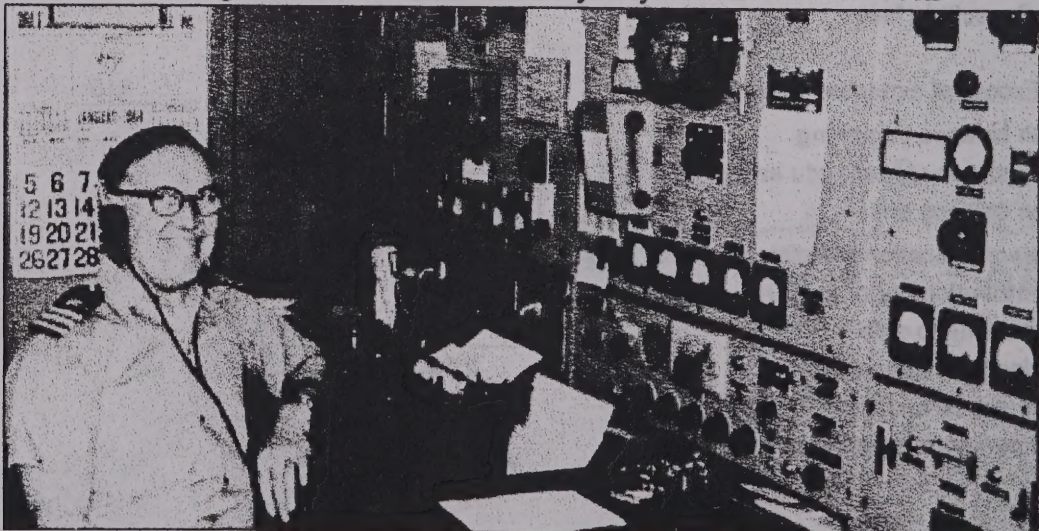
Many, many moons later, after a number of years with Tropical Radio and the United Fruit Co, I became a US citizen, got my FCC license (that was some struggle so many years from the books), joined the R.O.U. and sailed 3rd Operator on board the Delta Lines passenger ship "DEL MAR" (KFVZ) on the New Orleans-Caribbean-S. America "run". It's difficult for me to believe, but I sailed on the "DEL MAR" for nearly 16 years, for the last few years as Chief Opr - it was 3-man ship, carrying 120 crew and 125 cruise-passengers. Actually, the best job I ever had, hi!

While sailing on the "DEL MAR" in 1955 I became a "HAM" - a new ship's doctor came on board with a Collins rig and I was "hooked"! I regret I waited so long to enter the ham world. Right now, with my XYL suffering the early stages of Alzheimers my ham rig is a Godsent out-let for me! I'm taking care of the XYL myself at home at present and have become the Lord-of-the-Galley, housekeeper and what have you!! No great problem as yet - we manage quite well, really. Ethel is 90 and I am 87, hi! Never thought I'd live so long!!

The "DELMAR" was sent to Taiwan for scrap in 1968, I think it was, but meanwhile I had been assigned to the ss "Delta Mexico" (WHIX), a brandnew cargo-liner, which turned out to be my last ship - I retired from her in 1979 and dropped anchor in Gretna, LA!

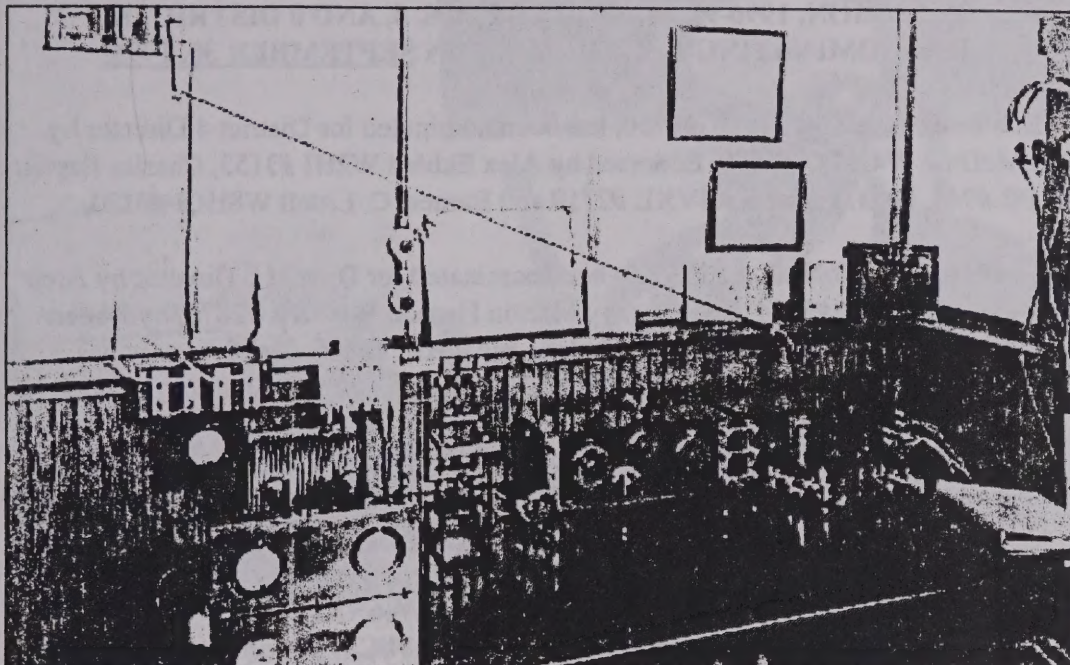
The XYL and I have attended a number of OOTC luncheons in the New Orleans area but recently, although they call me, I haven't been able to join the fellows for their chow-an'-ragchew sessions!

My very best 73's to all! "Jock"





## BOB BAIRD, W9NN, #462



## 8AIV - TAKEN -NOV 1, 1921 - REMEMBER THE 'SPARK FOREVER' DAYS?

Licensee was Chas Fertick 8AIB (SK), Clinton Petry 8AWN (SK), Allen Apple 8CNL (K4ILX (SK) and Robert Baird 8CWR (W9NN). On the floor beneath the CW set was the Spark Xmitter consisting of a 40000 volt "Coffin" transformer, Benwood rotary gap turned by a 1/4 HP motor, 40 plate-glass sections immersed in oil for condenser. The 2 OT transformers were wound with 2" copper strips.

Antenna was 60 ft high with a fan-type feed line coming down at one end. Our ground system was an acre of buried copper ribbon from old Dayton street-car field coils. With over 5 amps going up to the antenna, we had a night-time corona effect of 3 feet at the ends. Best Spark DX was a United Fruit boat off Brazil in late 21. Boat used the call of "DZ" .....took til 1952 to confirm this when W9NN worked VP1AA Belizee who told us he was the operator!

CW was a pair of 50 watt RCA. White board above was criss-crossed with resistance wire to drop filament voltage. A 48 chemical rectifier for plate voltage. Antenna matching done by adjusting clips on the big inductance coil.

Homemade receiver used 2 variometers and a vario coupler, two-filament detector tube (audiotron) and 2 VT2 amplifier tubes. Note the long handle antenna changeover arrangement. A variable condenser on the table was in the receiver line. 110-220 AC. On the wall a stack of spark and early cw QSL's. Faded pictures are W9NN, 8AIB and 8CNL. Each had his own key and ear phones. We were all members of Dayton's first wireless club.

I would love to hear from any old-timers who used to work us back in the old "Spark Forever" days!

73 Bob Baird W9NN Charter Member QCWA #52



**A T T E N T I O N - U R G E N T**  
**NOMINATIONS NEEDED NOW FOR THE**  
**ELECTION, 1996-97 TERM, THE 2, 4, 6, 8, AND 0 DISTRICTS.**  
**THE NOMINATING PERIOD ENDS ON SEPTEMBER 30, 1995!**

Bob Bookwalter, W4NWF, #1750, has been nominated for District 4 Director by Bob McDow W4KOG #2679. Endorsed by Alex Ekblad W2HI #3153, Charles Baptist W1PB #944, H. B. Fraser KA4VXL #2719 and Earnest C. Littell W8HQI #3124.

Ken Johnson, W6NKE, #2667, has been nominated for District 6 Director by Arch McGregor W6AGZ #2824. Endorsed by Marion Henson W6NKR #2870, by Robert Rickey NF6P #3252, and by Bob Richardson W6WHM #2815. The Secretary has received 13 additional endorsements for W6NKE for Director 6th district.

**THE FIVE INCUMBENT DIRECTORS ARE:**

2nd District - Dave Winter, W2AUF  
 4th District - Bob Bookwalter, W4NWF  
 6th District - Ken Johnson, W6NKE  
 8th District - John Hoffer, W8CWY  
 10th District - Leo Meyerson, W0GFW

**SEND YOUR NOMINATIONS AND ENDORSEMENTS TO HQ NOW!**

**D O I T N O W - D O I T N O W**

Each nominee must consent to the nomination and be endorsed by at least 3 members in good standing, residing in the same district. The nominating and endorsement period ends September 30, 1995. The polls close on November 30, 1995. Spark Gap Times will keep you informed of the nominations, endorsements and balloting.

**OOTC ON THE AIR MEETINGS**

European: Tuesdays CW 7:00 UTC 3535 kHz - NCS HB9T

SSB 7:30 UTC 3632 kHz - NCS DL3QY

CW 10:30 UTC 7029 kHz - NCS - DL1NP

SSB 11:00 UTC 7090 kHz - NCS - DL1NP

SSB 16:00 UTC 14280 kHz - NCS - DL1PH

CW 17:30 UTC 3553 kHz - NCS - DK9LG

Florida Chapter: Saturday, 0800 Local Time, 3955 kHz, with W4NWF as NCS

Northeastern: Thursday, 1400 local, 7230 kHz, with W2EEQ as NCS

Southern Cal: Tuesday, 4:30 PM local on 3917 kHz with W6NKE as NCS

National CW: Friday, **1:00 PM** Eastern on 14050 kHz with W8CCN as NCS

**>> (NOTE THE CORRECTED TIME CHANGE) <<**

Now hear this ! Roy Tucker, N6TK, #2543 has paid his dues until April 30 2007 !  
 He is Ex-W8VLF, K6UZB and XYL Kathy is AA6TK, son Kent is AA6KT, son Eric is AA6ET, daughter-in-law Nancy is N0RYR.





**ANNIE AND GUS HOWARD**

On January 7, 1995 Dallas Chapter 41 QCWA celebrated the 90th birthday of Gus Howard, W5KM. Over 60 attended. Gus joined QCWA August 2, 1968 (#5981) and joined OOTC November 22, 1972 (#1504) Gus's first wireless 1916, "5KK"

### **THE RALPH, W6IL, OOTC CHAPTER 2**

On May 21 the Chapter Spring Festival was held at the Long Beach Yacht Club. Thirty six were in attendance. Zee Zervantian, W6DIS, proposed a motion to modify the Chapter name in honor of Ralph Cabanillas, W6IL. After discussion it was voted to change the Chapter name to The Ralph, W6IL, OOTC Chapter 2.

Bob Rickey, NF6P, set up his video system and recorded interviews with all those present along with their families. Bob Richardson, W6WHM, conducted the interviews and did a very professional job.

### **RUDY CHRISTMANN, DF7IL, #2577**

At age 14 in Darmstadt I started my first SW receiver. It took nearly a year before the O-V-1 receiver was finished with little pocket money and no "flea markets". Gifts only expected on my birthday and at Christmas. I was not really sure about the scrap constructed BC receiver with the coil wound on a WC paper roll! I heard of a Ham club in Darmstadt and finally located OM Schnatz, president of the DASD chapter. From then on everything went fine. Passed my DE exam in 1939. From the infantry, I went to the signal corps, then to a special high speed platoon. It was 1950 before hamming again, passing exam at Frankfurt (DL6WJ). Moved to Pforzheim and turned in my license because of too much business abroad. After this troublesome time I took the exam again (DF7IL). I am member of the German DARC, QCWA and OOTC and have several awards like DLD; WAE; WAC; DXCC; QCWA AND OOTC 60 YEARS. I enjoy home construction, CW QSO's with old friends and long ragchews with those who have the time. Construction is becoming harder as parts become smaller and the eyes become weaker.

(Translation by DL3ME)



## HANS KUEHN, DL3QV, #3107

After 33 yeas at sea, I finished my job as Chief R. O. on this ship. I have been on board - besides vacation - from construction in the dockyard until my retirement, all in all about 10 years.

Now I am back on HAM-Radio again. I got my HAM license in 1949 starting in CW and still like to work preferable in this manner. But besides I am interested in all forthcoming in communications technology - Vy 73 - Hans



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*"SILENT KEYS - IN CONTEMPLATION"*

In spirit they have not died,  
But have simply QSY'd.  
Old soldiers may just QSB.  
But the Hams appointed place,  
Is on a higher frequency.

Where DX'ers need no mode, rig  
To communicate a sig,  
Where QRN and static rife  
Is absent - as is QRM.  
Cause of such ignoble strife.

- And while Earths ops, contemplate.  
SK's 'from up the log', await  
On the infinite band.  
Where DX is eternal,  
And brotherhood, the kinship grand.

Alan Shawsmith - VK4SS - #1823



**DR. WILLIAM C. HESS, W6CK, #902**

Born 7/22/13. Spouse Lila. Previous calls: W9IAH, W9HHN, W6CXC. Learned 40 WPM American Morse at hometown depot. Graduated from North Dakota State College of Science (Elec. Eng.) Fifty two years later was chosen from 25,000 graduates as Alumnus of the year of that college for 1986. No engineering jobs available upon graduation in 1934 so worked as Morse telegrapher for Great Northern Ry. During the day and five hours in the evening for Western Union at Fargo, ND. In 1948 couldn't stand the terrible North Dakota climate any longer so moved to Pasadena and a job as telegrapher at the Santa Fe depot there. In 1955 back to college and earned a PH.D. from University of California in clinical psychology. Awarded Doctor of Science 1993. Published an eight pound book which was purchased by many colleges and universities. Sold eight articles to 73 magazine, one of which was published in four installments.

Entered military in 1966. Promoted to light Colonel in 1975 and to full Colonel in 1985. Became a millionaire in 1983 and held a celebration party back in North Dakota with many guests eating "crow" who had predicted our move to California would be disastrous. Wife is RN. OOTC life member since 1979. Senior Vice President of Morse Telegraph Club, and President of Southern California Chapter of that club since 1973.

**DR. W. C. HESS, W 6 C K****WILLIAM O. "ANDY" ANDERSON, W5UBU, #2849**

Born 6/12/12. Spouse Amy, 2 harmonics. Became interested in radio during my first year of high school 1927. 60 years continuous membership in A.R.R.L. First licensed amateur radio 1941. Commercial op 1947.

Worked for 3 1/2 years Signal Corps out of Signal Office Pricidio of San Francisco during WW-II.

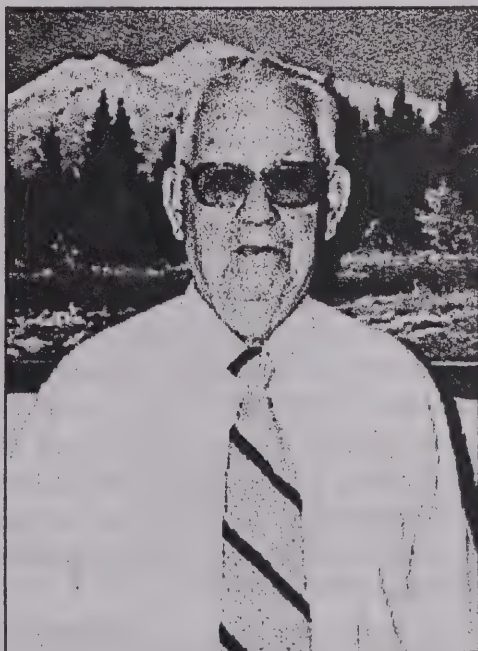
Worked 1 year for Ventura Co Communications Dept.(Calif.)

Worked 25 years at the Pacific Missile Range Point Mugu, CA. Retired 1972.

Moved to Northwest Arkansas 1973.

Moved to Deming NM 1982

Amy and I have been married for 59 years. We have 2 grown sons and raised a grand-daughter.





**COAST GUARDS LAST CW TRANSMISSION COPIED ON 8471KHZ.**

V V V DE NMN 2358 UTC DE NMN NMN V V V DE NMN NMN 2359 UTC DE NMN NMN NMN NMN CQ CQ DE NMN NMN QRU ? DE NMN PSE K V V V DE NMN NMN NMN V V V DE NMN NMN CQ CQ CQ DE NMN NMN - 010001Z APR 95 FM COGARD CAMSLANT CHESAPEAKE VA/NMN TO ALL - USCG NOW CLOSING DOWN CONTINUOUS HF CW WATCH CEASING ALL MORSE CODE OPS IN THE HF BAND. AS WE CONCLUDE OUR WATCH WE WISH THE MARITIME COMMUNITY FAIR WINDS AND FOLLOWING SEAS. WE ARE PROUD OF OUR TRADITION AND LONGSTANDING SERVICE TO THE MARINER ON MORSE CODE BEGINNING IN 1901 WITH THE REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE EXPERIMENTING WITH WIRELESS AS A MEANS TO COMMUNICATE ON LAND AND SEA TO THE FIRST MORSE CODE RADIO INSTALLED ABOARD CUTTER GRANT IN 1903. OUR ORIG COMMS MISSION WAS TO RCV DISTRESS ALERTS. BUT SINCE 1901 THE CG HAS FAITHFULLY AND DILIGENTLY LISTENED FOR TRAFFIC RESPONDING TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CALLS FM MARINERS IN NEED OF ASSIST OR RPTG POSITION WX NAV OR SAFETY INFO. OVER THE YRS WE HAVE PROVIDED MARINERS WITH URGENT SAFETY AND NAV WARNINGS OVER HF CW AND RCVD VESSEL LOCATION UPDATES FOR THE AMVER SYS. WE WILL FEEL A SENSE OF LOSS WITH THE PASSING OF CW. THE NEED FOR OPERATORS WITH SENSITIVE EARS AND A FAST PRECISE KEY WILL BE REPLACED BY COMPUTERS MODEMS AND AUTO ALARMS. THE SPECIAL EMOTION AND EXCITEMENT ENJOYED BY CW OPERATORS CAN NOT BE DUPLICATED AND THE CHILLING S O S SIGNAL WILL NEVER AGAIN BE RCVD BY A CG UNIT. BUT CW HAS RUN ITS COURSE AND WE NOW LOOK FWD TO SERVING YOU ON THE NEXT GENERATION OF COMM SYSTEMS VIA THE GMDSS. FM ALL CG TELECOMM SPECIALISTS WE BID YOU 73. WHAT HATH GOD WROUGHT. SIGNED CG CAMSLANT -  
DE NMN 73

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**JOHN P. TRENT, KL7DG, #2586  
DIRECTOR 7TH DISTRICT**

Born 2/5/18. Spouse Marcie, 2 sons, 2 daughters. Learned ham radio with hand key made from hack saw blade. Used elaborate "Dog House" for ham shack (addition to garage by my father to rear expensive "Here Withim" English pointer puppies - bitch in whelp from Scotland for \$1500.00 in 1932.)

Flunked 1st ham CW test. Had to travel 100 miles to Los Angeles from San Marcos, CA. to take test a month later and passed. Life long QRP. Started May 1935 as "Flea Power station in dog house", W6MMZ. After BA at Pomona College, to Lockheed Aircraft then commissioned Ensign in V-7 program, OCS Notre Dame, South Bend IN. Enlisted USNR MTS 1944. Served ADCOMPHIBSPACPHIL (Leyte P. I.) as radio and coding board officer on USS Henry T. Allen. Assistant DCO 17th ND Kodiak AK 1946. U.S. Army transports & USNS Charles E. Mower to 1951. (CHOP). Communications Alaska since 20 Aug. 1951 including ARINC, BUSHIPS - INDMAN 17 - FAA., U.S.W.B. and F.C.C Monitoring Anchorage AK. 20+ years USNR while in F.C.C. Retired USNR LT. 1978



**MILTON A. "DEX" DEXHEIMER, W2VCI, #3293**

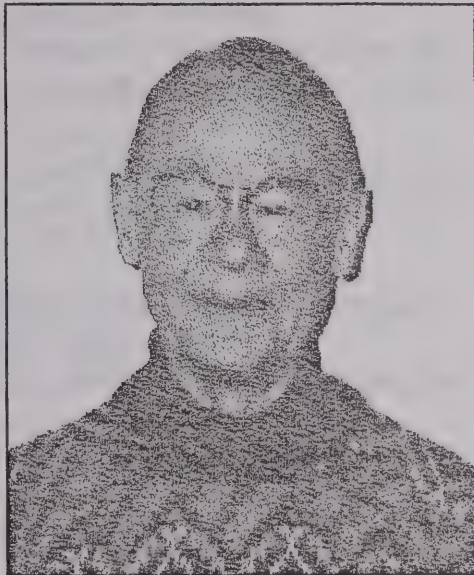
Born 3/14/22, spouse Marjorie, son James, daughter Carol and 4 grandchildren. Dex enlisted in U. S. Navy 1942 and served until 1946. First class petty officer, he served as a radio technician aboard the USS Jordan, DE204, protecting ship convoys in the Atlantic and Mediterranean theater.

After discharge, he pursued electronics, attended Millard Fillmore College and worked in the Wurlitzer phonograph engineering lab. A year later, accepted a position with Bell Aerosystems on radar guidance systems for missiles, automatic aircraft landing systems and other projects over a 22 year period.

In 1970 went to Sierra Research Corp. in the microwave field, working on an aircraft station keeping system and air to ship high speed data link. Retired in 1989 after 17 years with Sierra.

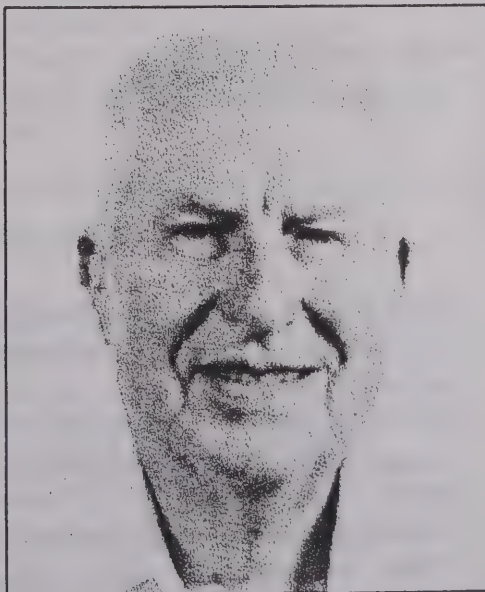
Dex became interested in amateur radio in 1939 and received W8VCI in 1940. Upgraded to class A the day before Pearl Harbor. Now has extra class and operates 80 through 10 meters on CW and SSB as well as 2 meter FM with the call W2VCI.

A charter member of the Amateur Radio Assn. of the Tonawandas having served as President a number of times as well as service in various other capacities. He taught amateur radio classes sponsored by ARAT's and is an active volunteer radio examiner.

**DEX****EDWARD VAUGHAN "ED, EDDIE" PHILLIPS, W6IZJ, #3294**

Born 10/13/26, Spouse Harriet. Grew up in Columbia, Mo. Got interested in radio very early - bootlegged for quite a while, finally licensed 1950.

Graduated from Univ. of Illinois 1945, worked at NPL till '47. Came to Caltech and got MSEE 1948. Worked as chief scientist at Hughes Aircraft (lots of hams!) '48 to '89. Retired and went to work for Northrop B-2 Div. Still there. Other hobbies flying, shooting mil guns, RC models, astronomy, machine shop etc. Collect old time radio gear since 1940. Work ham bands from 160M to 440 mHz, some 10,000 mHz. Main current activity VLF (160 - 190 KC) band.



Passport photo - I look worse than this !



**DR. CHET MOORE, K6ICZ, #3295**

Born 3/15/19. Widower. Air Corp June 1941 to Sept. 1946, Major, test Pilot.  
Other calls: XE2ICZ. Had bus and ran RTTY mobile.

1922 - 1932 Chautauqua circuit - Family orchestra

1932 - 1941 Music - graduated degree in music (B.M.)

1941 - 1946 Air Corp - test pilot - 11 crashes - attended Yale (A.E. degree)

1946 - 1952 USC - Dental school - 2 degrees - DDS and BS.

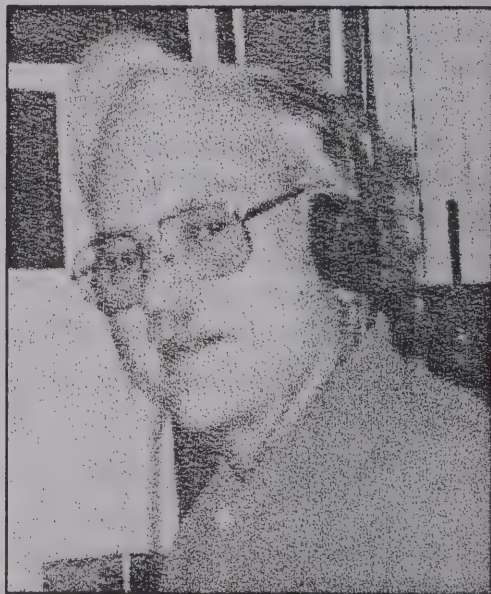
1952 - 1979 Practiced dentistry Long Beach - 2 degrees - FAGD and MAGD.

1979 - present Moved to Redding, started "Jazz Festival" in Redding, Eureka,  
Medford OR, Sisters OR.

Still active on ham radio - 20 meters - 2 meters - 220 - 440. Have repeater here  
"K6ICL" and auto patch. Now into music (Computer - Analog - Midi - Digital)  
Retired.

**PHILIP L. KELLEN, K6CJ, #3296**

Born 9/26/27. Spouse Margie Louise, 2  
daughters. Other calls KN6TWE, K6TWE to  
1976. Navy EM 2/C. Served 1945-47 and  
1950-53. With Pacific Bell Tel. Co 1947-50  
and 1953-84. Retired as narrowband equipment  
engineer. Widowed 1985. Married Margie  
Louise 1987. Moved from Sacramento to  
Pacific Grove CA 1987.



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**FRANK E. BROOKS, W4UMC, #3297**

Born 3/16/18. Spouse Mary, 5 children. 1 "Call" & 1 wife, married 55+ years!

(1) Apprentice for "remote" install and test in Framingham for "news" broadcasts,  
while still in high school.

(2) Mobile & point-to-point tests of new 35 mHz police bands. Main use was above BC  
band (WMP). Mass. State Police experimental calls - W1XDA, W1XDB.

(3) During WWII I was at M.I.T. Radiation Labs (grp 72) approx 3-yrs (after a short  
time with Army Signal Corp as a civilian.

(4) Naval Research Labs in Wash. D.C.

(5) Electronics instrumentation at Naval proving grounds/Naval Weapons Labs at

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**CONTINUED - FRANK E. BROOKS, W4UMC, #3297**

Dahlgren, VA & last 12 years as a plank-owner & engineer with Engineering Dept of Navy Space Surveillance System (NAVSPASUR) headquarters at Dahlgren, VA. (6) now retired, some R-V travel throughout N. America, Ham Radio and studying the facts and fantasy of area politics. Life member ARRL & QCWA. Formerly active in "ARES" 30 years, currently "SGL" Virginia. Civil Air Patrol 20+ yrs. Army MARS 27 years (retired).

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**BOB RAY, W5ZMI, #3298**

Born 8/15/31. Spouse Emilie. Served Sept 1952 - 1967. Captain, retired. Grad UT Austin TX 1951. USAF October 1952-57. Flew B-47's, RB-66's. October 1957-67 Res. USAF, flew KC-97-141's August 1960-89. Engineer RCA then GE. Retired 1989. 1990 to present Veterans Service Officer, Limestone County. Other calls W56GZY, KX6DR Marshall Islands.

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**KAY D. DAVIS, K6HIT, #3299**

Born 11/3/25. 2 children. Spouse David now SK (W7MWF). Worked many emergencies. Net control (Channel Cities Net) (Kingman 2 meter net). Do not have any low band gear, only 440 Cactus Radio and 2 meters. Have slowed down a lot in the past few years. Keep a 440 sched with the daughter (WA6LKV) almost every morning.

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**RICHARD H. BAUER, K5RB, #3300**

Born 6/21/25. Spouse Betty, two married children and four grandchildren. Took FCC test for ham license November 1938. On the air 2/39. Interested in Broadcasting. Attended Southern Methodist University 2 years. Worked for Philco. Went to KRLD-TV Dallas December 1949. Worked in TV Engineering Dept 41 Yrs. Other calls W9FUI(1939), W0FUI, W5NUA, W5WN.

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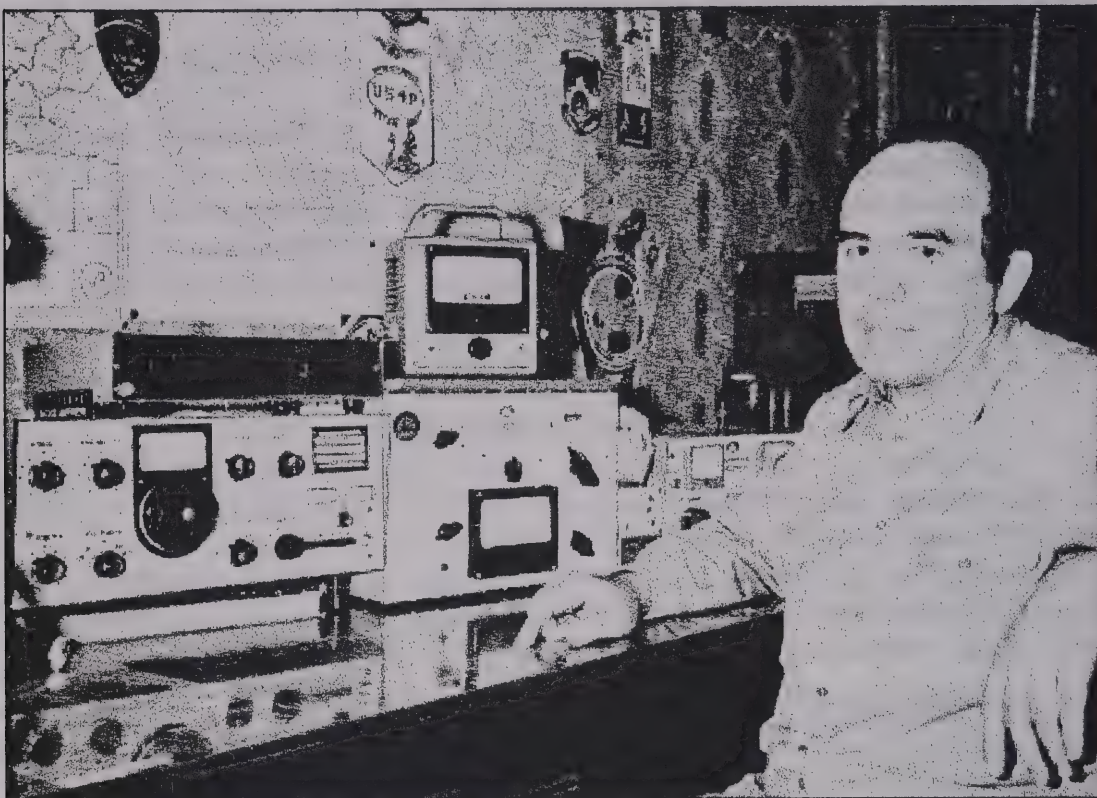
**VLADYSLAV A. PETUKHOV, UA4ZA, #3301**

Born 5/31/39. Spouse Rimma, 2 boys. Other calls UA4KYA(1953), UA4YD(1956). I have more than 130 awards from 25 countries. P-150-C #310, W1000U #69, DXCC #8410, WPX #729, BCRTA #2113, DTC #296, EU-DX-D #441, ETC. Member UCWC, EUDXF, IPARC. I spent 29 years as professional wireless operator and Radio Engineer in the Police Service. Police service 1966 to 1994. Retired, Colonel, Feb. 1994.

It is an honour for me to serve as OOTC International Member. To all OOTC members throughout the world, I offer my best wishes for the future.

Vlady - UA4ZA



**VLADY - UA4ZA - 1984**

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**EUGENE P. RZODKIEWICZ, WB2OFK, #3302**

Born 8/26/30. Spouse Grace. Other call - W3RMB 1951. US Navy 1948 - 1952. Started at Western Electric after graduation in May 1957. Later, worked at Philco Corp. In 1962 started at IBM Development Lab on the new System 360 logic circuits. From 1976 to 1993 I was in corporate component procurement. This involved auditing of semiconductor Mfg. lines and assembly lines. I travelled overseas to Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia. Retired in April 1993.

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**EDWARD E. NICHOLAS, JR., WB4TJJ, #3303**

Born 10/10/23. Spouse Sally, 3 children. Previous call - W9JBR. Army 1043-45 Cpl. Called to active duty US Army August 1943 and assigned to the Office of Strategic Service (OSS) as a Radio Operator/Technician. I saw service in N. Africa, Corsica and Italy. In November 1944 assigned to establish a station in Tirana, Albania to service the OSS mission there. When the OSS mission was terminated, I was discharged in Naples, Italy and returned to provide communications for the Special Diplomatic Mission to Albania. Upon returning to the US in the fall of 1946, I went up to Chicago and picked up my Radio Telephone First, Radio Telegraph Second and my Amateur station and operator license with the call W9JBR

I got involved with raising a family and let the ham ticket lapse. Found the time to become involved in the 1970's and licensed WB4TJJ.

I've recently moved to the Northern Neck of Virginia. I'm trying to get antennas up for 10 thru 40 meters and for 2 meters, 220 and 440. QCWA #7409.



### SPECIAL REQUEST

All members are encouraged to check into the OOTC CW TRANSCON net on Fridays. 14,050 kHz 1:00 PM Eastern time, NCS W8CCN. Band conditions have been very poor so don't be discouraged. Stick with Tom and keep trying. Help him build the net into a going operation. Current conditions can't last forever. - de W6NKE/W8CCN

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### ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has approved the Secretaries request for authority to purchase membership pins, decals and shoulder patches as they are needed. Member interest in the purchase of TEE SHIRTS is not sufficient to place an order at this time.

The Board of Directors has approved and the President has signed an agreement between the Secretary and OOTC. The agreement defines the obligations of the Secretary to OOTC and fixes compensation for the Secretary at \$250. per month, authorized in the Bylaws Article III, Section 1. The Secretary will pay office help from the compensation. The club furnishes an advance operating fund as required by the Secretary and the Secretary provides the Treasurer a monthly accounting of disbursements from the fund.

### NEW HEADQUARTERS SERVICE

Headquarters FAX up to 14.4 KB on (214)352-5014 Monday through Friday 9 AM to 9 PM Dallas time. HQ will use this telephone line for outgoing calls and for Compuserve. Compuserve address is 102031,2650. Use (214)352-4743 to talk to HQ.

Between 9 PM and 9 AM Monday through Friday Dallas time (214)352-5014 will be serviced by an answering or announcement machine. On weekends there will either be the FAX or the announcement machine on (214)352-5014.

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I am going to keep on asking for information on Chapters out there until I get some replies. I need your help. What is your Chapter number or name and who are the officers and who are your members?

Bert Wells, W5JNK, Secretary.

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### THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE SPARKS EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANCE FUND

W1EZR, W1UQ, DL1ZQ, K2IC, W2JQS, W2MJP, W2WSS, AA3BE, W3CGZ, KP4BJ, KP4BJ, K4FVI, W4GOV, W4NWF, W4PBN, W4WNY, W4YE, W5EJ(SK), W5IRP, W5KL, W5RJK, WB5RLS, K5TQN, WW5U, W5UMC, W6DIS, W6DIX, W6EKM, W6FA, N6IE, KH6IH, W6IL(SK), W6ISQ, W6MFC, K6QS, K6VU, W6ZZN, KL7AF, W7GEY, W7LLS, DL7PH, W8OVO, W9IH, KB9IKO, W9MOL, W9NZF, WB9UAD, WB9UAE, KE0KI, W0LDF, W0RLS, W0RSW.

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Many of our members have sent interesting articles which have not yet been published due to space limitations. We hope to publish them as soon as possible.



**P I P E L I N E**  
**BY**  
**BILL MILLER, K2GCE**

In the April SGT, I suggested that it would be a fine idea if the members would start sending birthday greetings to the members that are listed in each issue of the SGT. Jack, W1EOF, in a letter brought me up short. He had done just that only to find that the member was SK and that it had upset the recipient's wife needlessly. The database of inactive members is inaccurate because we have not heard from them for years, and there is no way one can be sure when a greeting is sent that the party is not a Silent Key. However, if that is the case, please let Bert know as quickly as possible so that the database may be brought up to date, this way there will be no problem for the following year. Thanks, Jack, for bringing this to my attention.

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Belated congratulations to Pete, W2WSS, who has been re-elected manager of the Empire Slow Speed Net.

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Walter Bastow, N4KVF, has notified me that on the 8th of July the Alligator Group will hold a Hamfest from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM in the Salisbury Civic Center, Salisbury, NC. If you are interested, more info may be obtained from Walter Bastow, N4KVF, 3045 High Rock Rd, Gold Hill, NC 28071.

This group holds their meetings Monday evenings at 8:30 PM on 28,350 kHz and on Saturday mornings at 10 AM on 7,240 "AM". All are welcome.

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Received a very nice letter from Ron Martin, W6ZF, and from its contents it would seem that Ron had a very active life both in the military and in civilian life. Will forward it to Bert Wells as he may be able to use it in a future issue of SGT.

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For all that may have rigs that can cover the short wave spectrum or short wave receivers, the Coast Guard will no longer be using HF frequencies for CW transmission.

This means that as of 0001 GMT April 1, 1995, the Coast Guard station NMN will no longer be heard and was the last military station on the East Coast to use these frequencies.

On August 1, 1993 at 0001 GMT NMF/NIK ceased to monitor the International distress frequency on 500 kHz. Safety at sea now will be taken over by the Global Maritime Distress Safety System(GMDSS.)

GMDSS is not supposed to go into full effect until February 1999, and CW is to be used in case of emergencies.

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Your columnist and the XYL took a vacation for two weeks in Germany visiting our son and his family in the city of Passau. Passau is where the Inn and the Danube rivers meet. No, the Danube is not blue and I doubt that it ever was. The city is about 200 miles Northeast of Munich and about the same distance from Vienna. A great time was had, but like all good vacations this one ended too soon.

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With that I will leave you with this thought; All the world loves a lover -- except those who are waiting to use the phone.



**THE RALPH CABANILLAS MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIP  
DRIVE, FROM APRIL 1 TO DECEMBER 15 1995.**

**1ST PRIZE \$50, 2ND PRIZE \$25 FOR THE TWO HIGHEST  
NUMBERS OF NEW MEMBERS, DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY  
FROM THE "SPONSOR" ON THE APPLICATIONS RECEIVED,**

**A N D**

**EACH NEW MEMBER'S SPONSOR WILL BE PLACED IN A BOWL AND  
FIVE PRIZES OF "ONE YEARS DUES" WILL BE DRAWN,**

**A N D**

**SPONSOR TWO OR MORE NEW MEMBERS AND RECEIVE OOTC  
PERSONALIZED STATIONERY AND RETURN ADDRESS  
LABELS WITH THE OOTC LOGO.**

**A N D**

**EVERY MEMBER WHO SPONSORS AT LEAST ONE NEW MEMBER  
WILL BE HONORED IN THE SPARK GAP TIMES.**

**USE THE BACK COVER OF THIS SGT OR ASK HEADQUARTERS  
FOR A SUPPLY OF MEMBER APPLICATIONS.**

**THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO PUT THE SECRETARY TO WORK  
ON A MOUNTAIN OF NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS !**

**WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN THE JANUARY 1996 SGT.**

**WE HONOR THE FOLLOWING MEMBERSHIP DRIVE SPONSORS**

**FOR THESE NEW MEMBERS**

**FROM APRIL 1, 1995 THROUGH JUNE 15, 1995**

**Duncan Kreamer, W1GAY, sponsored W1LC, KA1PKG & W2JJM**

**Bill Owen, W4VS, sponsored WA4MCZ**

**Allan F. Gaynor, W6IST, sponsored KC6T**

**Chuck Rafferty, WA7ZOO, sponsored N7AEV**

**Bob McDow, W4KOG, sponsored W4AYD**

**Skid Shermerhorn, W1TTY, sponsored W0OZ**

**Dave Kennedy, N4SU, sponsored K4EZ & W2SE**

**Borge Otzen, OZ8T, sponsored OZ7SM**

**Ken Johnson, W6NKE, sponsored W6EPW & W6RRB**

**Adda M. Gontarz, W3QBZ, sponsored W3BKF**

**Ken Edwards, W6MCZ, sponsored KB6O**

**Phil Kellen, K6CJ, sponsored KO6IA**

**Gerhard Hoffman, DL7PH, sponsored DL1SX**

**Tom Wynne, W6QHL, sponsored W6QHL**



## OOTC MEMBERS REPORTED AS "SILENT KEY"

## REPORTED BY:

Clyde F. Norton	1913- W0ELA #1246 SK:	K0WPK/W1EFW #1445
Raymond Fowler	1901-1994 WA1EXG #729 SK:02/18/94	Ray Fowler, Son.
John E. Fogerty	1908- W1KGC #1066 SK:	QST April 1995 Pg 102
Carlisle L. "Carl" Dieter	1913- W1LM #1105 SK:	W1EFW #1445
Sylvester Ahola	1902-1995 W1PU #175 SK:02/13/95	Mrs. Saima S. Ahola
John P Moran	1911- W2EM #1983 SK:	QST June 1995 Pg 103
William G. Broughton	1911- W2IR #129 SK:	QST February 1995 Pg 98
William Sellers	1899- W3ST #245 SK:	QST June 1995 Pg 103
Thomas G. Perry	1920- KC4LWY #2835 SK:	QST April 1995 Pg 102
John Knight	1906-1995 W6YY #265 SK:03/29/95	Mrs. Knight
Ernest R. "Bud" Bees	1914- W8WNK #2859 SK:	AA8OL/WV8B #2937
Harry A. Turner	1906 W9YZE #1961 SK:	QST June 1995 Pg 103

The Old Old Timers pause with regret and sorrow at the passing of these, our friends and Associates who have become Silent Keys. Our condolences to their families and personal friends. Date of passing, when shown is best information available. If errors exist please notify Headquarters to make correction.

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## BIRTHDAYS IN JUL, AUG &amp; SEP.

THIS LIST LIMITED TO DUES PAYING MEMBERS

## OOTC OPTIMIST CLUB

1-Jul W0UHL W4WD	19-Jul W0RSL W1TTY NJ2J WV8B	8-Aug W1LTS W3QBZ W8CU	22-Aug WK1H W6ZZN W8SEL	10-Sep W2LLT NY2V K2WW AC4TR	30-Sep W5CJE
2-Jul W3IJR W4AWS WA4QPX	20-Jul KL7AF W7ER	2-Aug W1QV W7ER	23-Aug KJ5VV	11-Sep W6XS	
3-Jul KF0E KB0ZE W6DUU	22-Jul AB5AP W6CK W9IH	10-Aug K4MU K6CX	24-Aug W6DQO	12-Sep N0RB W5QXM	
4-Jul W3HGD W6PA	24-Jul W4LHP K5TQN N6ATY W6EPW	11-Aug DL3WX	26-Aug W6CBA W6PYV	14-Sep W44QJE K6AIZ	
5-Jul K4AHS W5QKR W5UP W9TAL	25-Jul K4FVI W7FTX	13-Aug W0KWS WB2IRB W3GEZ	27-Aug W5TEH W8ROV DL9CC	15-Sep KL7AM	
6-Jul KF0FI WB4ODL	26-Jul DL6KP	14-Aug W5AYL W5QPS W9IPO W9MOL	28-Aug W3RMF	17-Sep W0LK W3KVS	
7-Jul W5LKL	27-Jul W0RTV K2GBR K2IC VE3BAZ K4FW W5PV W5UZW W6QHD	15-Aug DJ2UU K5JMN W6XM	29-Aug W4TG KM8K	18-Sep W5JNS WA6DWP	
9-Jul K4FW W5PV W5UZW W6QHD	28-Jul W0BWJ W6NGK K6ZE	16-Aug KF2VL W3NMK W4RA W4UKA W5NJJ W7TIG	30-Aug W2EIQ W2LPA K6HWR N7AEV	19-Sep W1LC W2LPA K6HWR N7AEV	
10-Jul W6JXD K6ZE	29-Jul W6KDJ	17-Aug W2DX N4MM W5NYM W5RB W6DIS N7ESJ W8IPT	31-Aug W9NZF	20-Sep W2LS W6FIT	
11-Jul W2EEQ W5AE W7IV W8VZE	30-Jul W6TRP W8TJQ	18-Aug AA2EN W5EBJ	6-Sep W4AXH W4KOG	21-Sep W2ENF	
12-Jul SP2DX AC6BO WY6O	31-Jul NY5F W6JBM WY6O	19-Aug N0STR W5ARV	7-Sep AA3HY KP4BJ K6MV	22-Sep W5RQH N5RYZ W5UO	
13-Jul WA1FYF	2-Aug W6MHT W6UUC W3LIR W8CCN N4KVF K9EAT	20-Aug W1CHK W2VDE NT6O W6WXU WB9UAD	8-Sep W1SUJ W3BRX W5CJZ	23-Sep K4NP	
14-Jul W3GN W3LIR W3ZIF N4KVF K9EAT	6-Aug W2WSS K4DRN W6LXZ W8SSZ	21-Aug W2OZA W3QYL	9-Sep W2JQS W3UHV W5RYV W6ZF	24-Sep DL1AN K6BPB	
15-Jul W3FZV W8FLA	7-Aug WA5ZFQ W6ORD W6UZ W6WHM		22-Sep W5ZPA		
16-Jul W1PEX			29-Sep WB8SNH		
17-Jul K8CSG					

AND PAYING DUES AHEAD SAVES THE CLUB MONEY

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS HAVE PAID DUES:

## INTO THE YEAR 1997 (131)

KF0E	W2EFI	W3OOJ	W4WB	W6CSM	W6ZF
W0LOJ	W2ELB	VK3QY	W4YE	W6DDB	W6ZZN
W0QIK	N2FLR	W3QYL	K5BLV	W6DIS	KL7AF
W0RAL	W2HI	W3YMB	W5CJE	W6EBY	KL7DG
W0RSL	N2JAV	W3ZIF	W5EXI	W6GED	DL7GB
W0RN	AE2L	K4AHS	W5FGO	K6HV	W7LBK
W0RSW	W2OJW	K4BPJ	W5FOZ	W6IST	DL7UXO
SM0TRT	N2PLE	W4DL	KC5GU	W6JTA	WV8B
W0UGP	W2QCV	N4FL	KV5K	W6KMC	W8BHT
W0US	W2RFY	W4FOA	KB5LKG	DL6KP	W8BIF
W0ZO	KF2VL	AB4FQ	W5MD	W6MCV	K8CSG
W1ALE	W2VW	KD4IV	W5NJ	W6NPN	W8DX
W1EXZ	W2WSE	K4JMH	W5PV	KN6PR	W8EGI
W1GJV	AA3BE	K4JSG	W5RFM	W6PYV	W8QG
W1GUP	W3BY	W4LF	W5RQH	W6QHL	W8SFA
W1MGP	W3CGZ	AC4ND	W5TEH	W6TD	W8TWB
W1PB	W3DCR	W4NWF	KA5TUF	W6TRP	W8VLD
W1PCD	WA3EXX	W4PHL	W5UP	WA6UTQ	W9DIL
W1SOV	W3GEZ	WA4QJE	N6AF	W6VIF	W9IH
DL1YB	W3HK	WA4SLF	N6ATY	N6WR	W9IZO
G2BNI	N3HWA	AC4TR	W6AWI	W6YAN	HB9T
SP2DX	W3NMK	W4UKA	K6CJ	WA6YEA	

## INTO THE YEAR 1998 (20)

W0YCY	W1LA	W3YOZ	WA5ZFQ	W6NKE	W9INP
W1EED	W1PEX	N4FG	KH6HME	W6YHM	W9MOL
WK1H	W3TFA	K5ABD	W6MIG	W7AMM	OE9SLH
				W7BYK	W9UEM

## INTO THE YEAR 1999 (13)

W2AUF	W3LIR	W4GOV	N5PEN	W6RBB	KC7DAA
VK3LC	W13U	N5BAK	W6ATC	KG7BK	K7QV
					N8DR

## INTO THE YEAR 2000 (14)

SV0AA	W1RGH	DJ2QX	DL3QV	W4WNY	W5IRP
W1GAY	W1UQ	W3QPP	K4GVG	W5APX	W5KL
				GM5BDO	W6SMD

## INTO THE YEAR 2001 (4)

W5OVH W5ZMI W8MFP KF9JZ

## INTO THE YEAR 2005

OZ7SM

## INTO THE YEAR 2007

N6TK

## 21ST CENTURY CLUB

I AM CONTINUING THE "21ST CENTURY CLUB" STARTED BY THE PREVIOUS SECRETARY, TED HEITHECKER. ANNOUNCED THE FIRST TIME IN THE MARCH, 1993 SGT, THERE ARE 110 MEMBERS. IT IS DEDICATED TO THE PROPOSITION THAT WE WANT TO BE HERE ON NEW YEARS EVE 2000, TO PARTICIPATE IN A WORLD-WIDE QSO THAT NIGHT, STARTING AT THE INTERNATIONAL DATE LINE AND PROGRESSING WESTWARD ACROSS ASIA, EUROPE, AFRICA, THE ATLANTIC, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA, THE PACIFIC AND ITS ISLANDS. THEN THE CLUB ENDS!

NO DUES, JUST YOUR WISH TO BE A PART OF THE FUN. TED, W5EJ, HAS PASSED ON BUT HERE IS A HOPE FOR THE REST OF US. WRITE HQ IF YOU WANT TO JOIN. IF YOU HAVE REQUESTED BUT HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR CERTIFICATE BY RECEIPT OF THIS ISSUE, WRITE ME. I WILL PUBLISH A MEMBER CALL LIST IN THE OCT. SGT.

73, BERT, W5JNK, SECRETARY



# OLD OLD TIMER'S CLUB



3191 DARVANY DR. DALLAS, TX 75220-1611  
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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1994

Mem#

Joined

Expdate

AmtRecd

Ledger

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Call \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Number Street City State/Province 5+4(US)zipcode

Date of first two-way communication \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname/Handle \_\_\_\_\_

Nature of first contact: Amateur \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial \_\_\_\_\_ Military \_\_\_\_\_

Amateur Call First Used \_\_\_\_\_ Date of First amateur License \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year

### SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

OOTC New member Enrollment Fee, includes pin \$5.00  
OOTC Annual Dues (All members)----- \$10.00 \*

INITIAL MINIMUM ENROLLMENT. TOTAL \$15.00

\* Annual dues are welcomed in any multiple of \$10. All funds payable at a U.S. Bank  
INTERNATIONAL MEMBERS: Please remit with 1) American Express money order or,  
2) Check drawn on a U.S. Bank, if a branch of a U.S. bank accessible, or 3) other bank  
check and add \$10. collection fee which is charged by bank here or 4) U.S. Currency.

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

One must have had two-way communication at least 40 years previous to filing an OOTC membership application. OOTC recognizes your first two-way communication whether through amateur, commercial or military operation. Where possible please provide proof of such operation. Full membership in OOTC requires that you have a valid amateur station or operator license at the time of application.

OOTC wishes to have extended information about each member, his/her activities and background. Such information becomes a permanent and important part of your record as a member of OOTC, making it possible for us to write of your life work and experiences. We will greatly appreciate a small photograph (2" x 2" is fine.)

If you use this form to apply for OOTC membership, please enclose a separate piece of paper and include the following:

OTHER CALLS AND DATES  
NAME OF SPOUSE AND CALL, IF ANY  
NUMBER OF CHILDREN

MILITARY SERVICE FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_ & RANK  
HIGHLIGHTS OF YOUR CAREER - BACKGROUND STORY  
WITH PERMISSION TO PUBLISH IN SPARK GAP TIMES

Your Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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